

Kinesiology

Kinesiology is the science of the human body in motion. You will learn about the physiological, biomechanical, psychological, and sociological factors that influence human movement, exercise and sport performance, along with health. From the structure of the cell to the structure of society, your studies in Kinesiology will expose you to the complex factors that influence health and wellness.

TOP 5 Reasons to study Kinesiology

- 1 Our direct-entry program is highly multidisciplinary, drawing from the social, behavioural, and physical sciences.
- 2 Our lab offers state-of-the art equipment and small class sizes to advance understanding of the exercise sciences.
- 3 We provide tailored research opportunities, including a placement in a research lab and an Honours thesis option.
- 4 We emphasize experiential learning in our program, including 'mini-stream' options in Athletic Therapy and Strength & Conditioning.
- 5 We offer a capstone course in Professional Issues in Allied Health to best prepare our students for a range of post-graduate paths.

Alumni Story

"My undergraduate experience in the Kinesiology program was life-changing to say the least. The highly multidisciplinary nature of the program allowed me to diversify my interests and pursue passions that I didn't even know I had through an enormous variety of research and certificate program opportunities. The program supports students in achieving their post-graduate goals and the inclusive culture created by faculty and students alike is what truly allowed me to thrive."

-Willow Leahy, KIN '21

ALUMNI PATHS

Accelerated Nursing Track
Athletic Therapy
Biomechanics
Chiropractics
Dentistry
Education
Exercise Physiology
Health Psychology
Medical School
Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy
Urban and Regional Planning

Mini STREAMS

1. Athletic Therapy
2. Strength and Conditioning
3. Research

Students are allowed to do either the Athletic Therapy or Strength and Conditioning mini-stream, however, you can combine the Research mini-stream with either of these two.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

add a **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics
Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://www.queensu.ca/asc/certs)

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Kinesiology SPECIALIZATION MAP

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): SPECIALIZATION



1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Human Physiology, Biomechanics, Sport Sociology, Psychology, and Health Studies, along with 12.0 units of electives, most commonly in the natural and physical sciences.

Consider applying at the end of winter term to the Athletic Therapy or Strength and Conditioning mini-streams to get course credit working with varsity athletes.

Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take [ASCX 150](#) and develop future-ready skills!

Start going deeper into the discipline of Kinesiology, while considering a certificate such as [Disability and Physical Activity](#). Learn more about [Certificates](#) and [Internship](#) options.

Consider applying at the end of winter term to the Community Based Practicum (KNPE 300) and/or the Research Skills Development Practicum (KNPE 352).

Visit the [Student Academic Support Services \(SASS\)](#) to discover ways to write essays, reports, study effectively, and to develop your academic skills overall.

Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the [Dean's Changemaker Challenge](#) (ASCX 200/300).

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Kinesiology. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in [research-based courses](#) that can lead to [Graduate School](#) or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional certificate(s).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

What will I learn?

A degree in Kinesiology can equip you with:

- Understanding of the human body and human movement
- Knowledge of the physical, social, psychological, and cultural factors influencing health
- Ability to collect and interpret data related to human movement, exercise performance, and health
- Ability to develop education, prevention, and treatment plans
- Ability to collaborate with peers, practitioners, and community members
- Critical thinking, evaluation, and problem solving skills

Where can I go?

A degree in Kinesiology can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Athletic therapy
- Biomechanics
- Chiropractor
- Education
- Ergonomics
- Exercise physiologist
- Health and wellness consultant
- Kinesiologist
- Medicine
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Sports administration
- Strength and conditioning

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as [Queen's First Aid \(QFA\)](#) and [Providence Care Volunteer Club](#). Take [Queen's Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)](#) training.

Volunteer for the Winter Adapted Games (WAG), held annually at end of January. Apply to be an Orientation Coach for Orientation Week of your second year.

[Athletics and Recreation](#) hire students in many roles throughout the entire year.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the School or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) or summer [USRA NSERC program](#) (advertised in UG News before Reading Week).

Volunteer in the [Revved Up](#) lab. Consider becoming a [Peer Health Educator](#) with [Student Wellness Services](#).

Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the [Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative](#) (QICSI) and the [Summer Company Program](#).

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.

Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills [workshop](#) for help.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Think about applying to positions in student services, [PHEKSA \(Physical Health Education Kinesiology Association\)](#) or the Alma Mater Society. Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as [Let's Talk Science](#) (LTS).

See the [AMS Clubs Directory](#) or the [Queen's Get Involved](#) page for more ideas.

Take more responsibility within [PHEKSA](#). Start or continue volunteering with groups such as [WAG](#) (monitor [UG News](#)).

Sign up for a KIN Mentor and connect with SKHS alumni.

Become a student member of [Ontario Kinesiology Association](#) and monitor their newsletters for opportunities.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#). Check out Career Services [networking workshops](#). Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the PHEKSA. Participate in the PHEKSA alumni pen pal initiative (KINnections2Alumni).

Consider attending the [Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Healthcare](#) (CUCOH).

Familiarize yourself with different professional organizations and networks: seek memberships, join email lists, and consider attending local events.

Consider applying to the [College of Kinesiologists of Ontario](#) after your Undergraduate degree to become a Registered Kinesiologist.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking [QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate](#) and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to [study abroad](#). Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through [the International Programs Office](#).

Participate in the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) [World Link Program](#). Go abroad through either an international exchange or spend Winter term at [Bader College](#) studying a cluster of global health related courses. Stay at Bader College for an intensive Spring term for the Interdisciplinary Studies in Disability and Global Health (9.0 units at the 400-level).

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Attend Career Fairs sponsored by Career Services throughout the year.

Check out what previous graduates were planning at the time of convocation found on the [SKHS Career Paths](#) website.

Explore careers of interest in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area. Find more information by connecting with alumni on [LinkedIn](#). Attend the annual School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Mini-Career Fair.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the GRE or MCAT) and get [help thinking about Grad School](#) from Career Services. Attend the annual School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Mini-Career Fair.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with [job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications](#), or other decisions.

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES
in May, September,
or January

POSITIONS
are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS
are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the [Program Website](#).

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.

